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DOE Funds Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Projects

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has selected and awarded three projects that promote the development and use of fueling infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles (AFV). The proposals were received in response to a DOE solicitation for projects that promote AFV infrastructure in the Federal AFV USER Program. The AFV USER Program includes the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) of Albuquerque, Denver, Melbourne-Titusville (FL), Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco.

The DOE's Federal AFV USER Program (within the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Transportation Technologies) supports the expansion of alternative fuel infrastructure by encouraging the placement and use of federally owned AFVs in the six MSAs.

Approximately \$285,000 in DOE funding has been awarded for the three projects. The total value of the three projects is \$2.94 million and the non-federal partner cost share of each project is at least 50 percent.

The three projects and their total values are:

- National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition's Denver E85 Introductory Program and Salt Lake Clean Cities E85 Promotional Program; a customer education and marketing project that promotes the use of E85 fuel, \$300,000;
- The City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Airport Alternative Fuels Stations; a project for construction on the multiple alternative fuels station site, \$2.5 million ; and,
- CleanFUEL USA's Denver Propane Infrastructure Network; a propane fueling infrastructure installation upgrade, \$140,000.

By increasing the availability and consumer awareness of alternative fuels, these projects make it easier for Federal fleet managers and other alternative fuel vehicle drivers to find locations offering alternative fuels such as ethanol (E85), compressed natural gas (CNG), and propane.

DOE has targeted infrastructure development and promotion projects that have the greatest potential to help federal fleets comply with Executive Order 13149, which requires a 20% reduction in petroleum use. These projects were also evaluated for their potential to provide alternative fuel to state and local government fleets, commercial fleets and the public.

In addition to the above infrastructure funding activities, DOE, through its Field Operations Program, provides testing and evaluation of electric and hybrid vehicles. Further, the DOE Clean Cities Program encourages the use of AFVs and supporting infrastructure throughout the nation. By encouraging AFV use, the Clean Cities program will help achieve energy security and environmental quality goals at both the national and local levels.

These DOE infrastructure awards and the electric and hybrid vehicle Field Operations Program are elements of the DOE programs that are managed for the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

For more information, visit the AFV USER Program web page <http://www.ott.doe.gov/afvuser/>, the Field Operations Program's web page <http://ev.inel.gov/sop> or contact Mike Anderson (DOE) ANDERSMR@ID.DOE.GOV (208) 526-7418.

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